

Forest Land-Nagpur

Diversion of 0.4428 ha. Zudpi Jungle Forest land in favour of GAIL (India) Limited, Nagpur for laying underground Natural Gas Pipeline of Nagpur to Jabalpur along with Optical Fiber Cable from Nagpur to MH/MP Border in Nagpur District in the State of Maharashtra.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No. FLD-3123/C.R.59/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai 400032.
Date:- 26.03.2025.**

Reference:-

- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/ID-13749/3141/22-23, Dt.20.02.2023
- 2) Government of Maharashtra, Letter No. FLD-3123/C.R.59/F-10, dt. 23.03.2023.
- 3) Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter No. FC-I / MH-320 / 2023-NGP / 11458, dt. 18.04.2023.
- 4) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-152984/Nagpur/632, dt.31.05.2023.
Letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-152984/Nagpur/23-24/1524, dt.18.08.2023.
- 5) Government of Maharashtra, Letter No. FLD-3123/C.R.59/F-10, dt. 15.06.2023
Letter No. FLD-3123/C.R.59/F-10, dt. 24.08.2023.
- 6) Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter No. FC-I / MH-320 / 2023-NGP / 12256, dt. 28.09.2023.
- 7) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-Final/PID-152984/ Nagpur /398, dt.17.05.2024.
- 8) Collector, Nagpur Certificate No.Rev/B-1-A/w.s. 97/2024, dt.15.02.2024.
- 9) Collector, Nagpur Certificate No.Rev/B-1-A/w.s.No.104//2024, dt.30.09.2024

Order:-

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal for diversion of 0.4429 ha. Zudpi Jungle Forest land in favour of GAIL (India) Ltd; for laying underground Natural Gas Pipeline of Nagpur to Jabalpur along with Optical Fiber Cable from Nagpur to MH/MP Border in Nagpur District in the State of Maharashtra;

AND whereas, the State Government vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted proposal to Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur;

AND whereas, the Government of India after due consideration, vide letter under reference No.3, accorded 'In-principle' approval to divert the 0.4429 ha. Forest Land for the above project under section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. The said approval is subject to fulfillment of certain conditions by the User Agency;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letters under reference No.4 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of Maharashtra;

AND whereas, the State Government vide letters under reference No.5 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur;

AND whereas, the Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur, vide under reference no. 6 accorded 'Final approval' to divert the 0.4429 ha. of Forest land in favour of GAIL (India) Ltd., Nagpur, for laying underground Natural Gas Pipeline of Nagpur to Jabalpur along with Optical Fiber Cable from Nagpur to MH/MP Border in Nagpur District in the State of Maharashtra, under section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.7 has requested State Government to issue diversion order in the matter;

AND whereas, the Collector, Nagpur has issued certificate under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 for 0.4428 ha. forest land, vide letter under reference No. 8 & 9.

NOW, therefore, Government of Maharashtra hereby directs that out of proposed 0.4429 ha. forest land only 0.4428 ha. consisting of Zudpi Jungle land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No. 1 and as per details given in the Schedule given below, be diverted to the User Agency, i.e. Chief Manager (Construction), GAIL (India) Ltd., Nagpur, for laying underground Natural Gas Pipeline of Nagpur to Jabalpur along with Optical Fiber Cable from Nagpur to MH/MP Border in Nagpur District in the State of Maharashtra. Decision for remaining 0.0001 ha. forest land will be taken separately, after compliance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the letter dated 18.04.2023 and dated 28.09.2023 of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. Rest of the 0.0001 ha. proposed Land shall not be handed over to the User Agency, till further direction of the State Government.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur shall ensure compliance of the condition no. ii, iv & xii in final order dated 28.09.2023, before actual handing over of the forest land to the User Agency.
3. The User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' and 'final approval' letters of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur, referred above. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency and shall furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
4. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Regional Office, MoEF&CC letters dated 18.04.2023 and dated 28.09.2023, in this order and Rules & Guidelines made / issued under of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, shall amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.
5. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur shall report through the State Government to the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in guidelines under the of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

SCHEDULE

Item	Name of Village	Tahsil	Gut. No.	Length X Width (in Mtr)	Area (in ha.)	Remarks
Diversion of 0.4429 ha. Zudpi Jungle Forest land in favour of M/s. Gail (India) Ltd., for laying underground Natural Gas Pipeline of Nagpur to Jabalpur along with OFC from Nagpur to MH/MP Border in Nagpur District in the State of Maharashtra.	Kinhi	Hingna	4	24.79 x 10	0.0248	Zudpi Jungle
	Sahajapur	Kalmeshwar	68	260.98 x 10	0.2610	
	Pipla		187	36.48 x 10	0.0365	
	Bhandagi		12	40.26 x 10	0.0402	
	Sawangi	Saoner	225	19.20 x 10	0.0192	
	Pardi (Rithi)		132	61.25 x 10	0.0611	
Total Forest area (in ha.)					0.4428	

This Government Order is available on Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with Reference No. 202503261744183519 This order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Copy:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
3. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur.
5. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur.
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Nagpur.
7. Collector, Nagpur.
8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Nagpur.
9. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur.
10. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur.
11. Chief Manager (Construction), GAIL (India) Ltd., Nagpur
12. Select File F-10.

I. Collector- Nagpur and Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Nagpur are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government

and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.

II. Chief Manager (Construction), GAIL (India) Ltd., Nagpur is hereby directed to publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No. etc. and along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the Central Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur.

III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.